STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22107

This legislation adds a new section to Idaho Code to define "unmanned aircraft system" excluding model flying airplanes or rockets, and to exclude unmanned aircraft used in taking commercial photography.

This provides that no person, entity or state agency may use an unmanned aircraft system to conduct unwarranted surveillance or observation of an individual or a dwelling owned by an individual without reasonable, articulable suspicion of criminal conduct. The same restrictions for unwarranted observation or surveillance will be used for a farm, dairy, ranch or other agricultural industry, except for state and local law enforcement agencies engaged in marijuana eradication efforts.

This also provides that no person, entity or state agency may use an unmanned aircraft system to photograph an individual without reasonable, articulable suspicion of criminal conduct and without consent from the individual for the purpose of publishing or publicly distributing photographs.

This provides for a civil cause of action and a fine in the amount of \$1000.00.

This allows for utility companies to inspect facilities when there is a valid easement permit or right of occupancy

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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